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In re Application of
Christodoulou et al.
Application No. 09/940,615
Filed: August 29, 2001
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
EMBODYING DOCUMENTS

DECISION ON REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as Attorney/Agent of record filed on March 25, 2003 (paper No 4).

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must do the following:
(1) indicate the present mailing address of the attorney(s)/agent(s) who seek(s) to withdraw, and
(2) be signed by each attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or clearly be signed on their behalf, and
(3) be approved at least thirty (30) days prior to the maximum extendable period for response to any outstanding Office Action, and
(4) indicate the address to which future correspondence should be mailed.

The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The request does not contain a clear indication which attorneys are seeking withdrawal. The request states the firm of "Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering". However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office does not recognize law firms as such and therefor it cannot be determined which persons are its attorneys. Some person of record may no longer be associated with the firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, or may not be attorneys.

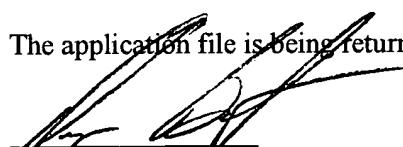
A suggested remedy to correct the deficiency outlined above, would be to include a statement such as "...all registered practitioners listed in the power of attorney/declaration for the identified application . . ." An alternative to this suggestion would be to list all practitioners currently of record.

Accordingly, the request is Granted in Part.

Requester John W. Ryan, registration No. 33,771. Will be withdrawn as attorney of record.

Future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address unless a change of correspondence is specifically requested.

The application file is being returned to Central Files.


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